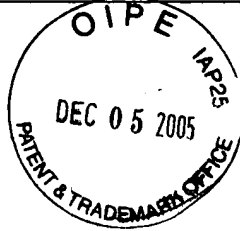


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Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted in the record for the referenced application:

(1) The first-named inventor, according to the typed documents filed in the application, is "Mitsuru **SAITOU**".

(2) As can be seen on the Declaration and the Assignment for the application, both dated 28 June 2004, the first-named inventor writes his name "Mitsuru **SAITO**", when called upon to provide his signature using the Roman alphabet.

In its original Japanese character writing, the inventor's name is consistent. The discrepancy arises due to changing standards in the phonetic translation of Japanese names and words to Roman alphabet equivalents. Some evidence of this variation can be seen on the attached copy of an article entitled "Top 10 Japanese Surnames" (by Namiko Abe, About.com), where the name "Saito" is number 10 in both charts. The first chart shows the name "Saito" using Roman letters (called "romaji"); the second chart shows the name both in phonetic Japanese spelling (called "hiragana"), where it is "Sa-i-to-u", and in the traditional Japanese characters (called "kanji").

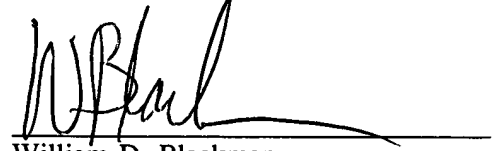
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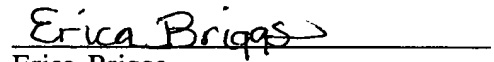
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| 9  | Kobayashi |
| 10 | Saito     |

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|------|-------|
| さとう  | 佐藤    |
| すずき  | 鈴木    |
| たかはし | 高橋    |
| たなか  | 田中    |
| わたなべ | 渡辺    |
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